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SUBJECT: POLAND BIO: BARBARA KUDRYCKA, MINISTER OF SCIENCE  
AND HIGHER EDUCATION

¶1. Barbara Kudrycka was appointed Minister of Science and Higher Education on November 16, 2007. Prior to her appointment, Kudrycka served since 2004 as a deputy to the European Parliament in Brussels. She also served as rector of the Bialystok School of Public Administration from 1998-2007.

¶2. Kudrycka began her political career in the 1970's as a member of the Polish Communist party. Sometime after martial law was introduced in Poland in 1981, she resigned from the Communist party and joined the Solidarity movement. She has been a member of Civic Platform since 2004.

¶3. Kudrycka graduated from Warsaw University with a law degree in 1978. In 1985, she obtained a doctorate in law, and in 1995 was named assistant professor of law and public administration at the University of Warsaw, specializing in administrative law. In the 1990's she was involved in the field of political ethics. She was instrumental in the creation of the parliamentary code of ethics, adopted in 1999, and co-authored the civil service code of ethics in 2002. Kudrycka enjoys a reputation as a good manager and has been credited in the press with developing the Bialystok School of Public Administration into a leading private college.

¶4. Kudrycka is married and has two children. She has traveled in the U.S. and speaks English.

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